

SENATE BILL NO. 184

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR STATE PREVENTION PROGRAMS; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-15-225, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 2-15-225, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-225. Interagency coordinating council for state prevention programs. (1) There is an interagency coordinating council for state prevention programs consisting of the following members:

- (a) the attorney general provided for in 2-15-501;
- (b) the director of the department of public health and human services provided for in 2-15-2201;
- (c) the superintendent of public instruction provided for in 2-15-701;
- (d) the presiding officer of the Montana children's trust fund board;
- (e) two persons appointed by the governor who have experiences related to the private or nonprofit provision of prevention programs and services;
- (f) the administrator of the board of crime control provided for in 2-15-2006;
- (g) the commissioner of labor and industry provided for in 2-15-1701;
- (h) the director of the department of corrections provided for in 2-15-2301; ~~and~~
- (i) the state coordinator of Indian affairs provided for in 2-15-217;
- (j) the adjutant general of the department of military affairs provided for in 2-15-1202;
- (k) the director of the department of transportation provided for in 2-15-2501; and
- (l) the commissioner of higher education provided for in 2-15-1506; AND
- (M) THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATE AGENCY DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE WHO IS ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER BY A MAJORITY OF THE CURRENT COORDINATING COUNCIL MEMBERS.

(2) The coordinating council shall perform the following duties:

- (a) develop, through interagency planning efforts, a comprehensive and coordinated prevention program delivery system that will strengthen the healthy development, well-being, and safety of children,

1 families, individuals, and communities;

2 (b) develop appropriate interagency prevention programs and services that address the problems
3 of at-risk children and families and that can be provided in a flexible manner to meet the needs of those
4 children and families;

5 (c) study various financing options for prevention programs and services;

6 (d) ensure that a balanced and comprehensive range of prevention services is available to children
7 and families with specific or multiagency needs;

8 (e) assist in development of cooperative partnerships among state agencies and community-based
9 public and private providers of prevention programs;

10 (f) prepare and present to the legislature and to the appropriate standing and interim legislative
11 committees a unified budget for state prevention programs, which must be published in the governor's
12 executive budget; and

13 (g) develop, maintain, and implement benchmarks for state prevention programs. As used in this
14 subsection, "benchmark" means a specified reference point in the future that is used to measure the state
15 of affairs at that point in time and to determine progress toward or the attainment of an ultimate goal,
16 which is an outcome reflecting the desired state of affairs.

17 (3) The coordinating council shall cooperate with and report to any standing or interim legislative
18 committee that is assigned to study the policies and funding for prevention programs or other state
19 programs and policies related to children and families.

20 (4) The coordinating council must be compensated, reimbursed, and otherwise governed by the
21 provisions of 2-15-122.

22 (5) The coordinating council is attached for administrative purposes only to the governor's office,
23 which may assist the council by providing staff and budgetary, administrative, and clerical services that
24 the council or its presiding officer requests.

25 (6) Staffing and other resources may be provided to the coordinating council only from state and
26 nonstate resources donated to the council and from direct appropriations by each legislature."

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